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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A  
PRIOR TO ACTION**

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INVENTION: ACTIVE BACKSCATTER TRANSPONDER,  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM COMPRISING THE  
SAME AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA BY  
WAY OF SUCH AN ACTIVE BACKSCATTER  
TRANSPONDER

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Sir:

15 Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States  
Examination Phase.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

20 **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.